

Belleville policemen and women have the good of children constantly in mind.

Their latest project for children's protection is a free-bicycle-registering day Saturday. City police and their volunteer auxiliary police will register bicycles in order to hasten their return in case of theft. They will also put "scotch-lite tape" on the fenders, handle bars, and forks of the bicycles to serve as reflectors for more safety in night riding.

The registrations will start at 8:30 a. m. in front of 160 High St., Chief Irwin W. Stech said, and about 200 bicycle owners are expected to turn out.

Water Safety Urged

A further reminder for the good of both children and adults now that fishing season is at hand and summer nearly here is a warning from Chief Stech about reducing drownings in Edison Lake. He urges all persons going boating or swimming to use extreme precaution. In previous years, he noted, many have drowned and never been recovered. An all time low of four drownings were investigated last year.

Parents take heed: "For a few dollars your child's life might be spared if you buy them life preservers before taking them in a boat," Chief Stech said. "We have had drownings in the lake involving children toppling over the side of a boat, and if they had had life preservers on, this would not have happened."

Heads Department Since 1947

Chief Stech has headed the Belleville Police Department since July, 1947. The department is composed of four officers, including Stech, two part time officers, and a police woman.

The regular officers include, Sergeant Clayton McLaughlin, Patrolman Jerome Remus, and Alsworth Jacobs. The part time officers are George Robinson and Harvey Stabnau. Police woman Joan Samuels has a variety of duties. She is a school crossing guard and also issues drivers licenses and is clerk. Mildred McAlister is a second school crossing guard.

The officers work eight hour shifts except in an emergency when they have to work longer hours. The Belleville Auxiliary police, consisting of 17 men, ride patrol with regular officers when they are needed and perform other emergency duties.

The department operates on a budget of about \$24,000 per year. Approximately \$10,000 in fines and costs are paid into the department's general fund each year.

The police officers have to buy their own uniforms and are given \$25 per year for their upkeep. A complete uniform costs about \$350.

Chief Stech lives at 245 Roland St.; Sgt. McLaughlin at 48 E. Wabash St.; and Patrolman Remus and Jacobs at 862 Sumpter Rd. and 128 Spencer St., respectively.

Probably in October, the department will hold their annual "Policeman's Dance" from which proceeds are used for emergencies for the department.



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SGT. CLAYTON McLAUGHLIN, Joan Samuels, and Chief of Police Irwin W. Stech, left to right, are part of a team that make up the Belleville Police department.

cret burden—a burden of fear of one family have been stricken. You are afraid you are doomed with the disease. Well, cancer kills about 250,000 father, mother, sister or brother Americans every year. In that number there are bound to be some relatives.

Well, let me put this fear to rest right now.

Has Small Part

I'm not going to tell you that heredity doesn't play a part in the cancer picture. Indications are that it does, but not in the proportion that most of you probably believe.

As with some other diseases, heredity sometimes influences development of some cancers. However, studies show that instances where heredity plays a critical part in development of cancer are relatively rare.

Variety of Factors

Now we are pretty sure that a variety of factors influence development of cancer. We know what some of them are, but, of course, not all of them.

Heredity might be a predisposing factor. It might help set the stage for development of cancer, but we don't believe that it is an actual cause. And if it is a predisposing factor it apparently is so only in limited types of cancer.

You have heard reports, I'm

What about the disease having killed several generations in the same family? Only recently has the diagnosis of cancer become reliable on a wide enough front to establish cancer as a definite cause of death. Who can be sure of reports made 30, 40 and 50 years ago?

Certain Types

Experiments with animals indicate that certain types of cancer might be hereditary—in animals.

So far as humans are concerned, however, the role heredity plays in cancer appears to be so small that it should be no cause for worry.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A. B.: I have pyorrhea. How should I have it treated?

Answer: Usually a person suffering from pyorrhea should have his dentist scale the teeth to remove any tartar and other deposits that accumulate between the teeth around the gum lining. Surgical treatment may be helpful.

You should brush your teeth at least twice a day, as well as massage the gums.

The moon discussion of "Variable Stars" will be featured at The University of Michigan Department of Astronomy Visitors' Night at 8:30 p. m. Friday (April 25) in Room 2003 Angell Hall.

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